

# ORIENTAL PHILOSOPHY AND COMPARATIVE RELIGION

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## SUBJECT OF LECTURE

SUNDAY EVENING

July 8th

AT 8:15

"THE FORM AND  
COLOR OF  
THOUGHT"

WEDNESDAY  
EVENING

July 11th

AT 8:15

"SELF-SACRIFICE"

What is Truth, the world is asking and how can we best unveil that clear light which is hidden within each one of us? Truth is as a shining spring of clear, cool, life-giving water, but overgrown by a tangled mesh of material unreality, shut in by mists and fogs of separate self-seeking, and withal situated in the innermost recesses of the untrodden forests of consciousness. How shall we reach this "perfect, clear perception" of which Browning tells us?

Be true, live truly up to your highest ideals, the life of true fraternity, aspire towards the Divine in you, and as you come into harmony with the Great Heart of the Universe the apparent obstacles and clouds will fall away of their own nothingness and you will see the path ahead of you, which leads direct to the dazzling purity of the waters of Truth. The path is inner, and not to be found in outer sacrifice or development.

Live with a knowledge of the past, live for the future; disregard if need be, the present ease, pleasure, prosperity, success, comfort; all these are material, changing and illusory, they are no part of Truth, for Truth is immutable ever the same.

This is true life, the true man, to whom character seems of more value than any of these, for he remembers that a day will come when, of all man's boasted possessions, he can take nothing with him but Character.

## Questions asked in the After-Talk:

What relation do qualities bear to character? Is salvation by character?

How can people born in the lowest environment be saved?

Does the law of Karma afford an explanation of the sudden regeneration of those who have formerly lived lives of vice?

How can we explain the conversion of large numbers of people at the same time as seen in religious revivals, in Wales and elsewhere?

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